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SUBJECT: MALAWI PERCEPTION OF ENERGY SITUATION

1. GOM CONCERN OVER IMPACT OF ENERGY SITUATION REFERRED TO BY PRESIDENT BANDA MARCH 12 IN OPENING BUDGET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT AND BY MINISTER OF FINANCE MATENJE MARCH 15 IN PRESENTING BUDGET.

2. PRESIDENT SAID WORLD OIL SHORTAGE IS HAVING SERIOUS EFFECTS ON ALL COUNTRIES, INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING, BUT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS HAVING A GREATER EFFECT ON LATTER, OF WHICH MALAWI IS ONE.

"AS I SPEAK NOW WE HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN GREATLY AFFECTED...BUT UNLESS SITUATION CHANGES, UNLESS OIL PRODUCING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES CHANGE THEIR MINDS AND ALLOW MORE OIL TO BE PRODUCED AND TO BE EXPORTED, MALAWI, LIKE ALL OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM CONSEQUENCES OF SHORTAGE OF OIL. WE

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ARE LIKELY TO HAVE PARTICULARLY SHORTAGES IN FERTILIZERS AND SHORTAGES

OF MANY OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE BY-PRODUCTS OF OIL." THIS YEAR CROPS
HAVE BEEN GOOD BUT MALAWI MAY FEEL IMPACT IN NEXT CROP SEASON
1974-1975."

3. MINISTER MATENJE STATED, "ALTHOUGH PRESENT SITUATION NOT CREATED
OR AGGRAVATED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE MALAWI AND WHILE THERE
IS VERY LITTLE IF ANYTHING WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SOLUTION OF
PRESENT PROBLEMS THERE NO DOUBT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION POSES
SERIOUS RISK OF SETBACK IN OUR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS. VERY
SHARP RISES IN COST OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, OCEAN TRANSPORT AND
OTHER ESSENTIAL IMPORTS ALREADY ADVERSELY AFFECTING MALAWI.
UNPARALLELED RISE IN PRICE INCLUDES BITUMEN FOR ROAD SURFACING.
WIDESPREAD UNCERTAINTY AS TO FUTURE COST LEVELS IN MINDS OF
MANUFACTURERS AND CONTRACTORS COULD LEAD TO STILL SHARPER RISES
IN TENDER PRICES. RISE IN PETROLEUM PRICES COULD BRING ABOUT
SLOWING DOWN IN ECONOMY OF MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES,
AFFECTING MARKETS FOR EXPORTS AND THEIR ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
TO SUPPLIES OF CAPITAL FUNDS. ACTION OF U.S. CONGRESS ON IDA
REPLACEMENT IS CASE IN POINT (SEE SEPTEL). PRODUCTION IN
INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES IS BEING DISRUPTED BY WIDESPREAD INDUSTRIAL
DISPUTES AND SHORTAGE OF FUEL SUPPLIES, RESULTING IN SERIOUS
DELAYS IN SHIPMENTS ESSENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM."
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